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Dear Bud:

Here are a couple of things I forgot to bring up in our meeting last evening.

(1) The verification study which CIA and ACDA were charged with doing has been completed. I think it is a good job because it:

- Puts verification in the policy process early;
- Treats verification consistently from subject-to subject;
- Integrates military significance/risk into verification;
- Integrates safeguards, including intelligence enhancements, into verification;
- Puts someone in charge of the verification work so that the obvious, long-standing stalemates can get resolved.

I would like to advise you of one question raised in the draft. Those who work on this report felt a need for a chairman who can spend a great deal of time on this. One suggestion was that the Director of ACDA chair it. Another that would be a co-chairmanship selected from Defense and ACDA. I believe that any of these arrangements would probably result in a lot of running around the White House and it would be better to have a chairman from the NSC. However, the perception is that it needs more time than you or probably John could give it. The practical alternative could come down to you designating someone to represent you as Kissinger did with Larry Lynn on the Verification Committee which functioned on SALT II. The report is ready to be signed off on next week but I would like some guidance from you on this question.

(2) Ambassador Strausz-Hupe has some matters he feels he needs to get to the President before he talks with Ozal next week and would like to speak to you on them.

The third part, which just came up this morning, is that Jim Wright asked [redacted] to visit with him yesterday. When he arrived, Lee Hamilton was there. When [redacted] was asked what he was doing, he said he was fighting Marxism-Leninism

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